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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--March 1987

I. GENERAL

The bureau chief visited Haiti this month to discuss with Ambassador McKinley our proposed monitorial project. The ambassador later phoned the Director/FBIS to voice his strong support for the initiative, which we hope to have up and running later this spring after our lady in Port-au-Prince has passed all the necessary background checks.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Despite cutting back on TV programming, Havana introduced a new program this month, "Wide Angle," which so far has proven both topical and interesting. The bureau filed five items from the first two well-presented programs dealing with drugs and foreign debt.

Fidel rearranged our work schedule this month as Havana jumped the gun and went on daylight savings time on 21 March, causing our monitor/editors to drag out of bed an hour earlier to start the day shift at 0530 instead of 0630.

In addition to the normal pack of foreign dignitaries visiting Cuba this month, KGB chief Chebrikov arrived on 28 March.

B. Communications

The bureau chief and engineer [] visited the Miami [] site on the last day of the month, meeting the players and getting a feel for what will be involved next month when we turn on our new circuit. The chief of the site and his software programmer plan to be in Key West in April to assist in the changeover.

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In preparation for our new commo line and the accompanying hardware to be installed in April, the bureau had a new 18-foot bench built to order and placed against the back wall of the teletypist room. This sleek new arrangement replaced the hodgepodge of assorted odds and ends that previously kept all our gear up and off the floor.

C. Technical

Our "friends" from Radio Marti visited this month to deliver a long-awaited rack of TV/radio equipment that permits daily recordings of 4 1/2 hours each of Havana's Tele Rebelde and Television Cubana programs. The tat in this arrangement is that the bureau will take its TV audio from Radio Marti's stable and sensitive Watkins-Johnson receivers that are pre-cut to specific frequencies.

Meanwhile, all transmissions from the Radio Marti fall-back transmitter site at Saddlebunch Key, some 15 miles north of the bureau, came to an abrupt halt early this month pending resolution of some grievances filed by the technicians on the site. Among the more interesting concerns is a fear of rattlesnakes that have been seen slithering through the complex. To date, no one is willing to say when or if the site will resume testing.

D. Cruising

Radio Broadcast Monitor [] began a major updating of our emergency backstop capabilities this month. He hopes to make considerable progress in April when he will have a full array of antennas available for the first time in a long while. HQs is also sending a variable speed Extel printer that will enable us to read Prensa Latina.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Panama's much appreciated TDY help got under full swing this month as we welcomed our second monitor, [], and first teletypist, [] finished her tour on 21 March and returned home after helping us clear our backlog. The ladies are staying in our TDY house, which is now complete with furniture, phone, and even cable TV.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

The bureau chief provided HQs with Navy-supplied cost estimates for three modest projects at the bureau. The first calls for a small concrete block storage building to replace our rusted out metal shed; the second, a roof over our air conditioner condenser; and finally, an extension to the bureau's seawall to help keep the Atlantic Ocean at bay. And all this for just \$20K.

IV. Visitors

A. To the bureau:

1. [] antenna consultant (Cohen and Dippel Engineers) to Radio Marti, 3 March. STAT
2. [] Panama Bureau teletypist, 9 March for 6-week TDY. STAT
3. [] C/Panama Bureau, 15-17 March. STAT
4. Commander Terlizzi and Lt Cdr Perry, CINCLANT, 18 March.
5. [] Panama Bureau monitor, 19 March for 6-week TDY. STAT
6. Herb Kravitz and Bill Smiley, Radio Marti, 19 March.
7. Joe Caramaglio and Bill Tapp, Boca Chica Naval Air Station, 17 March.

B. From the bureau:

1. Monitor [] Miami FERS symposium, 2 March. STAT
2. Bureau Chief, Port-au-Prince, 2-6 March.
3. Deputy Chief [], Management Development Course in Miami, 9-13 March. STAT
4. Bureau Chief, Washington, DC, 17-30 March.
5. Bureau Chief and Chief Engineer [] site, 31 March. STAT

V. COMMUNITY EVENTS

South Florida's Spanish-language audience will soon get a new TV program that intends to satirize the news coming from Cuba. As the attached MIAMI HERALD article states, material will be drawn from examples "monitored from Key West that lend themselves to mockery." We knew we had some good stuff but had no idea a Miami TV station had gotten wind of it.



Chief, Key West Bureau

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Attachment:

MIAMI HERALD article
Production Report

cc: C/Panama, C/Paraguay

Channel 23 fields new show

By STEPHANIE LOUDIS
Special to The Herald

The battle for South Florida's Spanish-speaking audience intensified this week. Not only did **Dynamic Cablevision** begin airing a Spanish-language service weeknights (Miavision), but **WLTW-Channel 23** began a new program to compete with **WSCV-Channel 51's Buenas Tardes Miami** (Good Afternoon Miami). Channel 23 dropped soap operas for *Antes de las Seis* (Before Six) at 5:30, described by producer **Cynthia Hudson** as "sort of a *PM Magazine*" show. It will compete with the last half of *Buenas Tardes Miami*, which airs from 5 to 6 p.m. daily.

The program, said Hudson, will be hosted by **Alina Mayo Azze**, a Channel 23 reporter for five years, and **Javier Romero**, a morning DJ on WCMQ-FM 92. It will combine the customary soft news fare — news headlines, consumer and traffic reports, love, sex and food experts — with features of a distinctly local flavor.

"Twice a week, we'll satirize the news in Cuba," Hudson said, supplying examples of Cuban news monitored from Key West that lend themselves to mockery.

In one case, the Cuban government called for "friends of the revolution" to attend a spare parts convention. In another, the news revealed that, despite a critical sock shortage on the island, 1 million pairs were being warehoused because the committee of color charting could not determine the exact shade of the socks.

I can't
tell the color
of my socks
anymore.

KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 133,910

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 26,880

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 610

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK	2,575	14,700	21
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Service in English	<u>1,360</u>	
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Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English		<u>-0-</u>
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BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>28,810</u>
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Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English		<u>-0-</u>
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Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English		<u>-0-</u>
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BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service in English	<u>350</u>	
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Belize Times in English		<u>-0-</u>
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CUBA

Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish	<u>5,870</u>	
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Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish	<u>29,260</u>	
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Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>3,610</u>	
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Havana Radio Periodico Del Aire in Spanish	<u>7,290</u>	
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Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>14,410</u>
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Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Havana Television Service in Spanish	<u>13,320</u>
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Cadena Brea Pena in Spanish	<u>910</u>
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Santo Domingo Radio Antillas Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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JAMAICA

Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>910</u>
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Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English	<u>-0-</u>
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Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English	<u>-0-</u>
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MEXICO

Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish	<u>12,060</u>
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NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>3,790</u>
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THE NETHERLANDS

Hilversum International in English	<u>1,290</u>
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SURINAME

Paramaribo International Service in English	<u>10,670</u>
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OTHER SOURCES: NONE